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SUBJECT: POLICY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW (PARM);
SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE FOR CHILE

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 38338; (B) STATE 38356;
- (C) STATE 45461

1. WE THINK THE OVERRIDING US INTEREST IN CHILE IS STILL
HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS ONE ISSUE IS CENTRAL TO ALL OTHERS.
IN OUR VIEW, UNTIL THE GOC MAKES MAJOR SUSTAINED PROGRESS
IN THIS AREA, WE CANNOT EVEN BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT RE-
ESTABLISHING PREVIOUS DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS.
WE VIEW MOST RECENT EVENTS AS A SETBACK. WE WOULD EXPECT
THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WILL BE THE CENTRAL THEME
OF YOUR PARM DOCUMENT. WE ARE CURRENTLY GIVING THOUGHT
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TO HOW WE CAN IDENTIFY PROGRESS BY GIVEN COUNTRIES IN
HUMAN RIGHTS AND WHAT POSITIVE INCENTIVES WE CAN OFFER.
YOUR VIEWS ON THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. THIS COULD ALSO
BE PASSED AS A PARM "ISSUE".

2. WHILE HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM, IT
IS NOT THE ONLY ONE. OTHER PROBLEMS YOU MIGHT WISH TO

ADDRESS, EITHER AS ISSUES OR OBJECTIVES, ARE:

(A) "WAR FEARS IN THE ANDES" -- WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBILITY FOR AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES? WHAT ROLE MIGHT WE PLAY IN REDUCING TENSIONS?

(B) "BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA" -- WHAT IS THE PROGNOSIS IN SANTIAGO FOR PROGRESS ON THIS TRILATERAL ISSUE?

(C) "ECONOMIC RECOVERY" -- WHILE HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE OUTSIDE OF CHILE, FOR THE CHILEANS THEMSELVES THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE SEEMS TO BE THE ECONOMIC ONE. WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM? WHAT ARE ITS PROSPECTS? HOW WILL THE ECONOMY IMPINGE ON THE POLITICAL DECISION MAKING PROCESS? WHAT U.S. INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED?

(D) "STABILITY OF THE JUNTA" -- FROM TIME TO TIME WE HEAR RUMORS ABOUT INTER AND INTRA-SERVICE BICKERING. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED STABILITY WITHIN THE JUNTA? FOR THE CONTINUED PREEMINENCE OF PINOCHET? HOW MUCH POPULAR SUPPORT DOES THE JUNTA ENJOY AND WHAT IS THE TREND?

(E) "INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" -- WHAT IS LIKELY TO BE CHILE'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS? WHAT LINKAGE MIGHT THERE BE BETWEEN CHILE'S ROLE AND USG ATTITUDES ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

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(F) HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE PROSPECT OF SOME SORT OF SOUTHERN CONE ALLIANCE?

(G) "PAROLE PROGRAM" -- WHAT NEED, IF ANY, DO YOU SEE FOR A CONTINUED PAROLE PROGRAM IN CHILE?

3. ON THE RESOURCE SIDE YOU MAY WANT TO SUMMARIZE THE VIEWS YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN OTHER DOCUMENTS CONCERNING ELEMENTS OF YOUR MISSION, SUCH AS THE MILGROUP, CONSULAR STAFFING AND POLITICAL SECTION STAFFING.
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